

BROOKINGS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

Tuesday, April 29, 2008

The Brookings County Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, April 29, 2008, with the following members present: Dennis Falken, Donald Larson, Mary Negstad, and Emil Klavetter. Deanna Santema was absent.

CALL TO ORDER

Vice-chairperson Negstad called the meeting to order.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

CONSENT AGENDA

Vice-chairperson Negstad declared the Consent Agenda approved with no objection from the board. The Consent Agenda consisted of the agenda for the April 29, 2008 Commission Meeting, the minutes from the April 22, 2008 Commission Meeting, the minutes from the April 22, 2008 Equalization Board, and the minutes from the April 22, 2008 Drainage Board Meeting.

Travel/Education: Erik Markve to attend the South Dakota Real Estate Commission Workshop on Green Building on May 1, 2008 in Watertown, SD; Joyce Dragseth to attend a one day session of the SD Society of Human Resource Management Conference on June 6, 2008 in Brookings, SD; Jon Pike to attend a school safety seminar June 3-4, 2008 in Sioux Falls, SD; Darin Haider to attend Arson Investigation School at the National Fire Academy June 8-20, 2008 in Emmitsburg, MD; Kristin Trana to attend the May WILL meeting, May 7, 2008 in Brookings, SD; Wm. Mark Kratochvil to attend the annual States Attorney Conference May 7-9, 2008 in Deadwood, SD; Clyde R. Calhoon to attend the annual States Attorney Conference May 7-9, 2008 in Deadwood, SD.

ROUTINE BUSINESS

County Election Supervisor, Stacy Steffensen, presented the board with the Auditor's Report.

Be it noted, Vice-chairperson Negstad signed claims for the April 2008 Payroll Additives: AFLAC, insurance \$2,562.88; Avesis Incorporated, insurance \$1,108.07; Office of Child Support Enforcement, child support \$1,271.00; Delta Dental, insurance \$3,031.18; Flex One, unreimbursed medical \$2,018.24; Fort Dearborn Life, life insurance \$687.70; Fort Dearborn Life, basic life insurance \$378.80; Garnishment \$658.16; Local Teamsters, union dues \$958.00; SDRS, retirement \$30,879.66; SDRS Supplemental, retirement \$1,505.00; EFTPS, payroll taxes \$57,854.42; Wellmark Blue Cross, insurance \$54,056.92.

REGULAR BUSINESS

Motion by Klavetter, seconded by Falken, to approve and authorize Vice-chairperson Negstad to sign the Order declaring River Ridge Road District incorporated. The election for the road

district was held April 3, 2008 with 41 voting in favor of forming the district, 0 voting against forming the road district. Roll call vote: Larson "Aye," Klavetter "Aye," Falken "Aye," Negstad "Aye." Motion carried.

Order for the Organization and Incorporation
of the River Ridge Road District
Brookings County, South Dakota

WHEREAS, the Official Return from the organizational election indicates the desire of the majority of the qualified voters voting in the proposed area to organize the River Ridge Road District:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED, the Brookings County Commissioners declare that the River Ridge Road District is organized as a governmental subdivision of the State of South Dakota and a public body, corporate and political to be effective April 3, 2008 with taxing authority for the 2008 tax year and after.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that the River Ridge Road District be described as follows:

Lots A, B, C, D, E, and lots 1 to 31, 38 to 41, 42A, 42B, and 43 to 68, all of River Ridge Addition in the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (NW1/4 NW1/4) of Section Eleven (11), Township one-hundred nine (109) North, Range fifty (50) West of the 5th P.M., Brookings County, South Dakota.

Mary Negstad
Vice-Chair, Brookings County Commission

Dated: 4/29/08

Attest:

Vicki Buseth
Brookings County Auditor

Motion by Falken, seconded by Larson, to approve and authorize Vice-chairperson Negstad to sign Agreement 08-18: an Easement for Use of County Road Right-of-Way. Roll call vote: Klavetter "Aye," Falken "Aye," Larson "Aye," Negstad "Aye." Motion carried.

Motion by Klavetter, seconded by Larson, to approve and authorize Vice-chairperson Negstad to sign Agreement 08-19: a Joint Work Agreement between the Brookings County Highway Department and the Moody County Highway Department. Roll call vote: Falken "Aye," Larson "Aye," Klavetter "Aye," Negstad "Aye." Motion carried.

Motion by Falken, seconded by Klavetter, to approve and authorize Vice-chairperson Negstad to sign Abatement Application 08-10B: a request by Dale and Jody Anderson in the amount of \$554.54. Roll call vote: Larson "Aye," Klavetter "Aye," Falken "Aye," Negstad "Aye." Motion carried.

SPACE NEEDS DISCUSSION

Be it noted, the board discussed the county's space needs. The board agreed to do a walk-through of the former First Bank and Trust building. They also wanted to schedule discussion on the court's use of the courthouse space once the county offices have been relocated. And the board wants to schedule a possible executive session to discuss the potential use and price of the former First Bank and Trust building for county space needs.

Deputy Director of Human Resources/Commission, Kristin Trana, presented the Commission Assistant report and discussed personnel matters, and correspondence received.

Motion by Klavetter, seconded by Falken, to fill the vacancy of the At-Risk Youth Grant Coordinator position for the term of the grant. Roll call vote: Klavetter "Aye," Falken "Aye," Larson "Aye," Negstad "Aye." Motion carried.

Be it noted, the board approved the following Personnel Action Notices: Vicki Buseth from Auditor/Treasurer to Finance Officer effective May 5, 2008; Stacy Steffensen from part-time to full-time as County Election Supervisor effective May 2, 2008.

COMMISSIONER'S OPEN DISCUSSION

Commissioner Larson reported on the VeraSun groundbreaking ceremony for the oil extraction plant; 3 subcommittee meetings on Growth Partnership; webinars on Green Government; and the Minnehaha County Drainage Plan.

Commissioner Klavetter discussed the issue of increasing gas prices and oil reserves.

Commissioner Falken reported on the Transportation Committee meeting in Washington D.C., and a local transportation meeting and filling concerns of transportation for the elderly throughout the county.

Commissioner Negstad reported on the Abuse Shelter Luncheon.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Vice-chairperson Negstad declared the meeting adjourned until 8:30am Tuesday, May 6, 2008.

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Stacy Steffensen
Election Supervisor
Brookings County Auditor's Office